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LETTER

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

An office action of June 29, 2004 has been received regarding this application. A response will be filed in due course, but first the applicant needs a copy of the cited Tiziani article from Applied Optics, Vol. 33, No. 4. Tiziani has been applied by the Examiner against the claims, but Tiziani is not identified in the list of cited references provided by the Examiner, nor has Tiziani been cited by the Applicants.

It is therefore requested that the Patent and Trademark Office provide Tiziani, and restart the date for response to the office action to be three months following the date of submission of Tiziani to the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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